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Tea Exports
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries to which India exports tea along with the total quantity and value of tea exported to these countries during the last three years and the current year, country-wise indicating the quality of tea exported to them;
(b) whether the Tea exports from the country have declined during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the measures taken to boost tea exports;
(c) whether Tea Exports from India to Pakistan has increased during the current fiscal year and if so, the details thereof, month-wise; and
(d) whether the price of tea exported to Pakistan has also increased and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): India exports tea to more than 80 countries. Details of the major country wise export during the last three years and the current year is given in Annexure. The quality of Indian Tea being exported is ensured through various interventions of Tea Board such as enforcing implementation of Plant Protection Code, Good Agricultural Practices and Good Manufacturing Practices under the Quality Upgradation and Product Diversification Component of the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme.

(b): During the financial year 2015-16, tea exports recorded highest quantity of 232.92 million kg. which is higher by 33.84 million kg as compared to 2014-15.The decline in tea exports during 2014-15vis-Ã -vis 2013-14 is attributable, inter alia, to loss of Assam Orthodox tea production to the tune of almost 20 million kg during May-July, 2014 caused by adverse climatic conditions. At the same time, the record output in Africa, particularly in Kenya had resulted in lower prices of teas from Africa at USD 2 per kg putting pressure on export of Indian Tea in the international market.
Tea Board has taken initiatives such as arranging buyer-seller meets, effecting exchange of delegations, participation in international trade fairs and undertaking generic promotion in key markets and engaging continuous dialogues with governments of the importing countries through our trade missions in order to boost exports of tea.

(c) & (d): During the year 2016-17 (April-May), export of tea to Pakistan declined by 0.84 Million Kg. (provisional) in terms of quantity as compared to the same period in 2015-16. However, the export unit price realization increased by Rs.12.65 per kg. during the same comparing period. The month-wise export of tea to Pakistan during the current fiscal year is given in the following Table:

Months 2016-17 * 2015-16
Qty
(M Kgs) Value
(RsCrs) Unit Price (Rs/Kg) Qty
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April 0.60 5.24 87.33 1.01 7.76 76.83
May 0.61 5.70 93.44 1.04 8.15 78.65
April-May 1.21 10.94 90.41 2.05 15.94 77.76
*Provisional

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Annexure
Major Country wise Exports of tea from India during last three years
Country Name 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
(Apr-May)*
Qty (M.Kgs.) Value (Cr.) Qty (M.Kgs.) Value (Cr.) Qty (M.Kgs.) Value (Cr.) Qty (M.Kgs.) Value (Cr.)
Russian Fed 38.62 639.91 39.40 582.28 48.23 670.57 6.64 92.39
Ukraine 2.21 35.66 2.68 40.09 3.21 45.03 0.3 4.11
Kazakhstan 10.26 207.69 11.48 220.16 10.20 271.36 1.35 31.41
Other CIS 1.70 37.77 0.70 14.69 1.28 30.04 0.05 0.97
Total CIS 52.79 921.03 54.26 857.22 62.92 1017.00 8.34 128.88
United Kingdom 17.64 338.13 17.83 338.32 20.02 410.90 0.85 15.02
Netherlands 3.26 98.21 2.87 86.64 3.31 82.11 0.33 7.06

Germany	7.77	259.25	7.28	215.44	10.53	262.76	0.89	21.3
Ireland	2.21	94.44	1.86	72.33	1.98	70.18	0.12	8.47
Poland	4.72	71.91	4.15	63.17	6.14	86.51	0.75	10.73
U.S.A	14.09	396.55	13.60	348.34	14.03	364.61	1.56	48.12
Canada	1.24	31.33	1.48	39.56	2.22	64.73	0.42	10.94
U.A.E	23.33	473.03	13.41	269.06	16.15	333.65	1.71	37.59
Iran	22.90	603.85	18.14	478.51	22.13	571.81	3.05	78.32
Saudi Arabia	2.63	58.00	3.04	71.69	3.23	77.37	0.36	9.33
Egypt (ARE)	7.45	89.54	7.54	79.35	3.08	30.80	0.49	5.62
Afghanistan	2.46	24.81	1.95	19.72	1.20	13.90	0.03	0.86
Bangladesh	13.94	131.42	5.03	38.25	9.49	83.88	0.86	8.19
China	4.14	88.45	3.27	65.15	4.79	93.18	0.46	7.23
Singapore	0.34	10.73	0.40	11.53	0.44	11.23	0.07	2.15
Sri Lanka	1.55	23.16	2.93	37.15	1.86	28.65	0.26	3.1
Kenya	2.69	25.19	1.71	16.90	2.69	27.51	0.33	4.83
Japan	3.61	155.26	3.20	145.74	3.27	139.82	0.32	18.21
Pakistan	19.92	196.01	15.20	125.12	19.37	192.61	1.21	10.94
Australia	3.16	116.71	3.23	107.22	3.47	119.51	0.42	18.16
Other countries	13.92	302.08	16.70	337.23	20.60	410.38	3.69	69.93
Total	225.76	4509.09	199.08	3823.64	232.92	4493.10	26.52	524.98

* Provisional